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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS - RESIDUAL VALUE AT
HELLENIKON

REF: A. ATHENS 2920; B. ATHENS 3032

1. ASSUMING GREEK AGREEMENT NEXT WEEK, THAT US MAY
MAINTAIN CERTAIN ESSENTIAL FACILITIES AT ATHENAI, AS
REQUESTED BY US DELEGATION AND REPORTED REF A, WE INTEND
TO REQUEST CONFIRMATION BY GREEK SIDE THAT US IS TO
BE COMPENSATED FOR THE RESIDUAL VALUE OF ANY FACILITIES
WHICH MAY BE ABANDONED BY US AS A RESULT OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

2. SUBJECT TO CONFORMING OPENING PHRASE TO WORDING OF
FINAL COMMUNIQUE, WE PROPOSE REQUESTING A LETTER FROM GREEK
SIDE ADDRESSED TO MINISTER STEARNS ALONG THE FOLLOWING
LINES: BEGIN TEXT "DEAR MR MINISTER: IN CONNECTION WITH
THE JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE
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RETURN OF ATHENAI AIR BASE AT HELLENIKON TO GREEK CONTROL

AND THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES FROM THAT FACILITY,
PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE RECOGNIZES
THAT THE UNITED STATES IS TO BE COMPENSATED, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARTICLE VII OF THE MILITARY FACILITY AGREEMENT OF
OCT 12, 1953, FOR THE RESIDUAL VALUE, IF ANY, OF ANY
FACILITIES, ACQUIRED, DEVELOPED AND CONSTRUCTED AT US
EXPENSE AND NOT REMOVED AS PROVIDED IN THAT AGREEMENT,
WHICH IT MAY VACATE AS A RESULT OF OUR JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT.
THE AMOUNT AND MANNER OF SUCH COMPENSATION SHALL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT S TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS. YOURS
VERY TRULY, P. CALOGERAS, AMBASSADOR." END TEXT

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT COMMENTS ON OR APPROVAL
OF ABOVE TEXT, BY OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 22.
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